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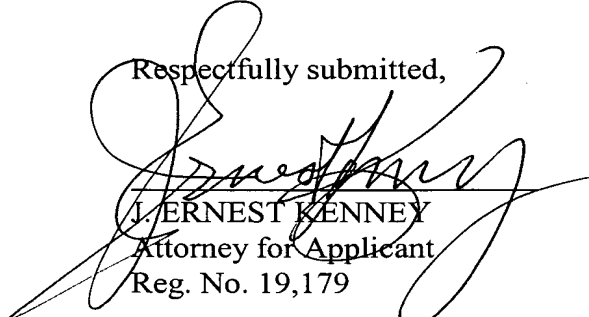
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**APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE AND
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K.U. LEUVEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, a corporation of **BELGIUM** (hereinafter Assignee), states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the U.S. patent application (hereinafter the Application) _____ entitled **NOVEL FOIL BEARING**, naming as inventor **Farid AL-BENDER**, which Application claims priority of **GREAT BRITAIN** Patent Application No. **0317722.7** filed **July 29, 2003**, and hereby revokes all previous powers granted for the Application, and appoints practitioners at:

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- ☒ Recordal of the Assignment from the inventor(s) to Assignee has been requested.
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- ☐ The copy of each assignment or other document in the chain of title showing ownership by the Assignee is attached.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I (we), **Farid AL-BENDER** whose post office address(es) appear(s) below, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, is(are) the owner of certain new and useful improvements in

NOVEL FOIL BEARING

(hereinafter referred to as the INVENTION) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was

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☐ executed on:

☐ filed on: Serial No.:

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WHEREAS, **K.U. LEUVEN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I (we), ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said INVENTION and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application.

ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the filing, prosecution and maintenance of said application or any other patent application(s) in the United States for said INVENTION, including additional documents that may be required to affirm the rights of ASSIGNEE in and to said INVENTION, all without further consideration. ASSIGNOR also agrees, without further consideration and at ASSIGNEE'S expense, to identify and communicate to ASSIGNEE at ASSIGNEE'S request documents and information concerning the INVENTION that are within ASSIGNOR'S possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required of ASSIGNOR in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. ASSIGNOR'S obligations under this instrument shall extend to ASSIGNOR'S heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives.

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